

Research Notes

For

Nancy Saunders/ Sanders

Daughter of

Captain John Saunders and Sarah Grant

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to show the current research status of the wife of John Rakes b abt 1775; d bet 1857/1860.

I write this document as guide to help me make sure that I have covered as many of the research areas as possible. It will also help make sure that I have not misinterpreted the facts or missed any sources.

I will be sending this document to several Rakes researchers and I hope they will take the time to review and make comments.

This again will help make sure the document is as accurate as possible at this time.

I know as additional documents become available the conclusions may change and I will need to make changes or adjustments.

I appreciate those who have helped by steering the way or providing clues to where I might find information. Hopefully you will review the information found on their web sites.

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“The Boone Family”

“The Boone Family” book originally published in 1922, by Ella Hazel Spraker.” The copy I am using is from FamilySearch. Reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. at Baltimore, 1974, 1977, 1982. You can view a copy of this book at FamilySearch.org.

This is some abstractions from Pages 112 through 113

93. SARAH GRANT (Elizabeth Boone; Squire*; George), born 25 Jan. 1759; in the Shallow Ford District of the Yadkin, N. C. Died 28 Mar 1816 in Bourbon Co., Ky.

Married Capt. John Saunders (b. 22 Jan., 1756; d. 5 Feb., 1809) son of James and Sarah (Tully) Saunders, who was a dau. of Thomas Tully.

CHILDREN:—

323 Elizabeth Saunders, b. 24 Oct., 1776; d. 19 Feb., 1787, killed by Indians.

324 Sarah Saunders, b. 8 Mar., 1779; d. 28 Apr., 1779.

325 William Saunders, b. 25 May, 1780; d. 15 Sept., 1843.

326 Sarah Saunders, (2) b. 1 Aug., 1782; d. 21 Sept., 1804.

327 Nancy Saunders, b. 11 Mar., 1784.

328 Mary Saunders, b. 16 Sept., 1787.

329 Elizabeth Saunders, b. 29 Aug., 1789.

330 John H. Saunders, b. 29 May, 1791.

331 James T. Saunders, b. 20 Sept., 1793; d. 22 Jan., 1813, lost in Gen. Winchester's Defeat on Raisin River.

332 Joel B. Saunders, b. 2 Oct., 1795; d. 7 Oct., 1833.

333 Rebecca G. Saunders, b. 7 June, 1800; d. 3 July, 1817; m. 1816, Jacob Turner, and had one daughter. 334 Dorcas V. Saunders. b. 8 Dec, 1801

REFERENCES: Draper Mss. 22 S 230-38.
Family Records

“The John Rakes Families of Marion Co. Ky”

Compiled by Paul Tungate with help from Josephine Bray, printed July 6, 1995. The copy I am using is a personal copy of the original book. You can view a copy of this book at FamilySearch.org.

Some of the page numbering for this book is unusual but following the index there are 5 pages of information from Dr. Oliver Wayman. I abstracted the following from page 4 of this section

Our line continues through Sarah Grant and John Sanders. John's parents were: James Sanders, born 29 Dec 1733 in England; married about 1755 to Sarah Tully who was born 18 Dec 1737.

John and Sarah Grant Sanders children were:

1. Elizabeth/ Sanders' born 24 Oct 1776; died 19 Feb 1787.
2. Sarah Sanders born 8 Mar 1779; died 28 Apr 1779.
3. William Sanders born 25 May 1780; died 15 Sep 1843.
4. Sarah Sanders born 1 Aug 1782; died 21 Sep 1804.
5. Nancy Sanders born 11 Mar 1784
Wentworth, Rockingham County, NC; died
about 1840 Bradfordsville, Marion, KY:
buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Marion
County, KY; married about 1802 John
Raikes.
6. Mary Sanders born 16 Sep 1787.
7. Elizabeth Sanders born 29 Aug 1789.
8. John H Sanders born 29 may 1791.

9. James F. (or T.) Sanders born 20 Sep 1793; died 22 Jan 1813

10. Joel B. Sanders born 2 Oct 1795; died 7 Oct 1833.

11. Rebecca G. Sanders born 7 Jun 1800; died 3 Jul 1817; married 1816 Jacob Turner.

12. Dorcas V. Sanders born 8 Dec 1801.

Our line continues through Nancy Sanders and John Raikes through their son, Elisha Price Raikes.

“Pendleton County Abstract Court Record 1805 - 1814”

This abstract was found on the internet. You can view the actual internet pages here: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kypendle/Pages/abstracts18051814.htm>

I visited the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, Kentucky on December 12, 2013 and verified that the important abstracts are correct.
(Pendleton County Clerk Falmouth, Kentucky, County Court Order Book A; Film # 7015192)

February, 1809

Page 179 - Will of John Sanders is admitted to court, but rejected because he was not of sound mind.

Page 180 - Sarah Sanders, widow and William Sanders are appointed administrators. Appraisers - Alexander

Monroe, John Turner, Robert Graves,
Henry McCullough.

Page 187 - Joseph K. Glinn petitions this estate for part of "his wife's legacy". "A list of the property rec'd by me from Mr. John Sanders, deceased, at the time I married his daughter, Sally, ten years past, 27February."

Page 189 - Sale Bill items are purchased by Sarah Sanders, William Sanders and John Sanders.

November, 1809

Page 213 - John Sanders, James Sanders, Joel Sanders, infant orphans of John Sanders, deceased, chose Sarah Sanders, widow as their guardian.

Page 214 - Sarah Sanders is appointed guardian for Rebecah Sanders and Darcus Sanders, infant orphans of John Sanders,

deceased.

Page 231 - Estate Division of John Sanders on 22 November 1809. Negroes are given to his "heirs" - Sarah Sanders, Thomas Bryan and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Sanders; Luke Bryan and Polley his wife, late Polley Sanders; John Sanders, James Sanders; Joel Sanders; Rebecah Sanders, and Dorcas Sanders.

1810

Page 232 - Land Division - John Sanders, "2nd Monday in January, 1810". Land is given to the widow Sarah, to **Thomas Williams and Nancy his wife, late Nancy Sanders**; Joel Sanders; Joseph K. Glinn, guardian of the heirs of Sarah Glinn, late Sarah Sanders; Rebecah Sanders; John Sanders; James Sanders, Dorcas Sanders; Thomas Bryan and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Sanders; Luke Bryan and Polley

his wife, late Polley Sanders; Joel Sanders.

1814

Page 466 Will of Sarah Sanders - Deed
Book B

Being in a weak and low state of health....

Sons, Jno. H. Sanders, Joel Sanders.

Daughters, Rebecca and Dorcus Sanders.

Little neice, Elizabeth Mitchell. Little grand-
daughters, Almariah Matilda and Elizabeth
Susannaa Glen. **Little grand-son, James T.**

Williams. To William Sanders, John H.

Sanders, Joel B. Sanders, **Nancy Williams,**
Polly Bryan, Betsey Bryan, Rebecca

Sanders, Dorcus Sanders. Mentions her "3
grandchildren Glen" who are under-

age. Son-n-law: Joseph K. Glenn. To my

Negro man, Israel - a horse. To my Negro

woman, Deborah - \$10. Mentions saddles

made for her daughters in Paris. Executors:

Son John H. Sanders, William Sanders, Luke Bryen. Witnesses: Samuel Henderson and Sam'l G. Mitchell. (Written March 26, 1814; Probated May 20, 1814)

The above abstract can be found at: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kypendle/Pages/will_of_sarah_sanders.htm

Page 474 - May, 1814. The will of Sarah Sanders is admitted to court. Witnesses- Samuel G. Mitchell, Samuel Henderson. Appraisers - Alexander Monroe Sr., John Turner Sr., Robert Groves, Joseph Best. Executors are William Sanders, with John H. Sanders as security.

Page 482 - May, 1814. Joel B. Sanders, infant orphan under the age of 21 years, chose William Sanders as his guardian, with John H. Sanders serving as security.

Page 483 - May, 1814. Luke Bryan is appointed guardian for Dorcas Sanders,

infant orphan of John and Sarah Sanders,
deceased.

“Pendleton County Marriage 1799 - 1843”

Page 3

This abstract was found on the internet at -

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kypendle/Pages/marriages_page3_pendleton.htm

I visited the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, Kentucky on December 12, 2013 and verified that this marriages is correct. (Pendleton County Falmouth, Kentucky, Marriage Book film # 272800)

**WILLIAMS, Thomas"; Nancy Sanders 31
Dec 1801" Minister Alexander Monroe.**

According to the death record of John Jackson Rakes the first son of John and Nancy his father was John Rakes and mother ? Sanders. John Jackson Rakes was born about 16 March 1803. This marriage of Nancy Sanders would seem to make it impossible for her to be the wife of John Rakes and the mother of John Jackson Rakes. So there must be another Sanders that is the wife of John.

“John Jackson Rakes Death”

Putnam County, Indiana Births, Deaths 1882-1957,
Originator: Putnam County (Indiana), Board of Health,
Publisher: Filmed by the Genealogy Society of Utah, Salt
Lake City, 1970. Family History Library Number
0840216 Putnam County, Year Filed 1885, Book A, Page
98, Person(s) of Interest John Rakes Jr.

You can see an abstract here: [http://search.ancestry.com/
cgi-bin/sse.dll?
indiv=1&db=indeaths_ga&rank=1&new=1&gsfn=john&gsln
=rakes&msddy=1885&msdpn__ftp=putnam+county%2c
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d&pcat=BMD_DEATH&fh=0&h=15873&recoff=10+11&ml
rpos=1](http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&db=indeaths_ga&rank=1&new=1&gsfn=john&gsln=rakes&msddy=1885&msdpn__ftp=putnam+county%2c+indiana&dnyref=1&gss=angs-d&pcat=BMD_DEATH&fh=0&h=15873&recoff=10+11&ml_rpos=1)

This is a source contained in a vital record showing the wife of John Rakes. The death record of John Rakes on 7 March 1885 at Jefferson Twp., Putnam County, Indiana I find the following recorded.

This is to Certify That our Records Show

John Rakes, Jr, died March 7, 1885 at Jefferson Twp., Putnam County, Indiana. Age at death 82, sex Male, color White, married. Primary cause of death old age and heart failure. Certified by E. Hawkins, MD, Belle Union, Ind. Place of burial or removal Not Given, Date of Burial Not Given, Record filed March 12, 1885, Book No A page No 98. Signed by Health Commissioner Dated December 5, 1979.

Father: John Rakes, Sr. - B/P-Virginia

Mother: ??? Saunders-B/P-Not available

John Rakes, JR.-B/P-Virginia

Occupation: Farmer

Notice that the father's name and birth place are give but for the mother only the surname of Saunders is given and the birth place is not available. In some copies of this record I have seen where someone has used a pencil and written in "Nancy" where

the question marks are. I consider this to be someone's bad habit of trying to make a vital record show something that it dose not.

“Family Tradition”

Family tradition for many years has indicated that Nancy Sanders the daughter of John Sanders and Sarah Grant is the wife of John Rakes.

In the death of John Jackson Rakes (d 1885) the informant did not know who his mother of John Jackson was other than the surname of Saunders or where she was born.

In 1905 there was a typed family group sheet filled out for the family of John Rakes and Nancy Sanders showing the parents of Nancy as John Sanders and Sarah Grant. This FGS was submitted by Andrew T. Rakes of Ogden, Utah. Andrew would have been a great-grandson of John Rakes. Andrew indicated he obtained this information from Mrs. Nancy Price, Mrs.

Lillie Mae Raikes, U.S. Census. This family group sheet can be found in the Archive Records for LDS temple work.

I have not been able to determine when this tradition actually started or how it got started. Based on the above 2 items I feel that the tradition started sometime between 1885 and 1905 but it is **impossible** to pin down.

I do feel that this family tradition is very important and it needs to be considered in any research trying to find the wife of John Rakes.

“Ancestry Family Trees”

I found over 130 family trees for John Rakes and Nancy Sanders. Most appeared to be copies of other trees and most were unsourced. John was born in several different counties in Virginia and had different parents on several trees. Many of the trees listed John Saunders and Sarah Grant as the parents of Nancy.

I found less than 40 family trees for Thomas Williams and Nancy Sanders. Most seemed to be copies of other trees. This line seemed to be sourced less than the John Rakes and Nancy Sanders line. One interesting source was the will of Thomas Williams from Livingston County, Missouri where he leaves his estate and personal items to his wife Nancy. Most all of the trees if they had parents listed John

Sanders and Sarah Grant as the parents of Nancy. Some spelled the name of Sarah Grant as Sallie Grant.

“FamilySearch Family Tree”

I found John Rakes and Nancy Saunders along with 14 children. Nancy is listed as the daughter of Captain John Saunders and Sarah Grant born 11 March 1784 at Guilford, North Carolina, United States. There are no sources for the parents of Nancy Saunders.

I found Thomas Williams and Nancy Saunders along with 13 children. Nancy is listed as the daughter of John Sanders and Sallie Grant born 11 Mar 1784 at Yadkin, North Carolina. There are no sources listed.

“Conclusion”

In order to come to a conclusion I needed to show that the Nancy Sanders found in the Pendleton County, KY court records is the same Nancy Sanders as found in “The Boone Family” book. This should also closely compare with “The John Rakes Families of Marion Co.Ky” by Paul Tungate.

Nancy Saunders/Sanders is listed as a daughter born 11 Mar 1784 in “The Boone Family” book.

In the Pendleton County, Kentucky Court Records Nancy is listed as Thomas Williams and Nancy his wife, late Nancy Sanders. In the Pendleton County Marriage records there is a listing of a marriage for Thomas Williams and Nancy Sanders, 31 Dec 1801.

Other children listed in the court record match “The Boone Family” book and show that these families are the same.

There is some speculation that John Rakes was married more than once. This is possible but it dose not change the fact that he did not marry Nancy Sanders the daughter of John Sanders and Sarah Grant.

In my research I have not found any primary source records that links Nancy Sanders, the daughter of John Sanders and Sarah Grant, as the wife of John Rakes. In fact I have not found any primary source records that link anyone as the wife of John Rakes.

These records and the comparison between them lead me to the conclusion that the wife of John Rakes is not Nancy Sanders the daughter of Captain John Sanders and Sarah Grant. This also eliminates the connection to the Boone line

through Sarah Grant.

“What’s Next”

Find the wife of John Rakes!!

The following is a theory of the author and should not be taken as fact but just a starting point for research.

Profile:

Name: Nancy Sanders

Date of Birth: About 1775/1780

Place of Birth: Buckingham County, Virginia

Date of Marriage: about 1799

Place of Marriage: Buckingham County,
Virginia

Date of Death: between 1825 and 1830

Place of Death: Washington County,
Kentucky

Items to consider:

Family Tradition has long stated that John Rakes married Nancy Sanders/Saunders.

There is a John Sanders estate in the Buckingham County tax records along with Judith Sanders wife of John. This John could have had a daughter named Nancy.

There is a Zachariah Sanders in who had a daughter named Nancy but it appears that this Nancy would be too young. Some researchers indicate that this Nancy married John Rakes.

There is some indication that Zachariah had a brother named John. Could this be a older brother who may have a daughter

named Nancy? Could this John be the John Sanders estate in the tax records?

I need to look closely at all of the Buckingham County, Virginia records, as I would think that John would have married someone in that area. There may have been some records survive the burning during the Civil War (1869). Any records between 1761 when the county was formed to 1869 will be difficult to find. There may be church, property, bible or other reconstructed records available. It would also be a great help if I could find the 1810 census of John and his family.